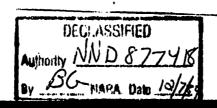
38-W SECRET Action EUR Control: 9388 FROM: BONN Rec'd: APRIL 15 9:31 TO: Secretary of State RMR 2312, APRIL 15, 1 P.M. NO: SS W G SENT DEPARTMENT 2312; REPEATED INFORMATION LODNON SP PARIS 795, BERLIN 789, USAREUR 544. C L PARIS FOR USCINCEUR, THURSTON AND WEST INR H LIMITED DISTRIBUTION OSD EMBTEL 2122. ARMY WE DISCUSSED WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH YESTERDAY OUR PROPOSALS NAVY FOR IDENTIFICATION ALLIED VEHICLES ALONG LINES SUGGESTED AIR BERLIN'S OM MARCH 13, SUBJECT: IDENIFICATION US MOTOR VEHICLES AND RAILROAD CARS. ത N FRENCH QUESTIONED NEED SUCH IDENTIFICATION SINCE IN THEIR O OPINION ALLIED VEHICLES ALREADY HAVE DISTINCT MARKINGS. (O ALSO ASKED WHEN NEW IDENTIFICATION SIGNS WOULD BE PUT TO USE. ľ. IN REPLY, WE SAID NEW IDENTIFICATION INTENDED PROVIDE MORE UNIFORM AND DISTINCT MARKINGS ALLIED VEHICLES SO THERE WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY NO (REPEAT NO) QUESTION FOR COMMUNISTS CONCERNING IDENTITY. AS TO TIMING, WE SAID IT SEEMED MOST DESIRABLE USE NEW IDENTIFICATION AS SOON AS TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT REACHED, CH. SO THEY WOULD BE IN USE SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE SOVIET DECISION TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY BERLIN ACCESS TO GDR. BRITISH, ON OTHER HAND, SAID THEY UNABLE DISCUSS OUR PROPOSALS UK THINKING NOW CALLS FOR PRESENTATION DOCUMENTS TO GDR AND ACCEPTANCE GDR STAMPING. EXPLAINED WORD CONTROL "IN ENGL SENSE" DOES NOT IMPLY RIGHT TO INSPECT VEHICLES OR PREVENT TRAVEL; IT MERELY ENABLES CONTROLLING OFFICIAL TO ENSURE VEHICLE, PERSONS, AND CARGO ARE EXACTLY WHAT THEY ALLEGED SECRET UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED" REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED.

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